

House Bill 555

By: Representatives Carpenter of the 4<sup>th</sup> and Ridley of the 6<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to warrants for arrest, so as to add public child welfare case manager to the people  
3 for whom arrest warrants may be issued only by certain judicial officers; to provide for  
4 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 warrants for arrest, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 17-4-40, relating  
10 to persons who may issue warrants for arrest of offenders against penal laws, warrants  
11 requested by others, and persons who may issue warrants for arrest of law enforcement or  
12 peace officers or school teachers or administrators, as follows:

13 "(c) Any warrant for the arrest of a peace officer, law enforcement officer, public child  
14 welfare case manager, teacher, or school administrator for any offense alleged to have been  
15 committed while in the performance of his or her duties may be issued only by a judge of  
16 a superior court, a judge of a state court, or a judge of a probate court."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
19 without such approval.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.